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April 20, 2018

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Thomas Poy, Chief
Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (WG-15J)
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Dear Mr. Poy:

Thank you for your February 14, 2018, letter to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division (DWMAD), requesting updates on selected noncompliant drinking water systems in Michigan. The spreadsheet you provided identified two Community Water Systems (CWSs) and 58 Noncommunity Water Systems (NCWSs) for us to comment on.

Of the two CWSs:

- Two water supplies returned to compliance

Of the 58 NCWSs:

- 16 water supplies returned to compliance
- 39 are still out of compliance – these are being given high priority for receiving guidance or escalated enforcement by the local health department (LHD) in cooperation with the MDEQ
- Three have erroneous data recorded for them and the supplies are in compliance

We included comments on the status of each water system and attached our updated version of your spreadsheet to this letter. An advance copy of the spreadsheet was emailed to your office last week. Updates and corrections on all 60 water systems will be provided in our quarterly Safe Drinking Water Information System update, due in May 2018.

In your letter, you also identified nine NCWSs that the MDEQ should consider referring to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for escalated enforcement. Eight of them are high arsenic systems providing bottled water and with a “Do Not Drink” posting displayed where people might try to obtain drinking water. New engineering reviews of these systems will be possible as new staff are hired.

The U.S. Forest Service Campground is back in compliance with nitrate sampling and the MDEQ will pursue bacteriologic samples when the campground opens in May 2018. Therefore, no enforcement referrals to the USEPA are necessary at this time.

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If you have further questions, please contact Mr. Dan Dettweiler, Supervisor, Noncommunity Water Supplies Unit, Environmental Health Section, DWMAD, by telephone at 517-284-6525; email at dettweilerd@michigan.gov; or by mail at MDEQ, P.O. Box 30817, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Oswald", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric Oswald, Director
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517-284-6544

Attachment

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